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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

IN RE: VOLKSWAGEN "CLEAN DIESEL" MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

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MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC)

MCCABE PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 1 REGARDING SETTLEMENT MASTER

Judge Charles R. Breyer

The McCabe Plaintiffs¹ represented by Keller Rohrback L.L.P. respectfully submit this response to the Court's PreTrial Order Number 1 filed December 9, 2015 (Dkt. No. 2). The Court has already

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heard from counsel regarding several qualified potential Special Settlement Masters, including the Honorable Charles B. Renfrew (Ret.), the Honorable Vaughn Walker (Ret.), the Honorable Rebecca Westerfield (Ret.), Kenneth Feinberg, the Honorable Edward A. Infante (Ret.), and the Honorable Fern Smith (Ret.).

Given the broad-reaching and international scope of the alleged corporate conduct at issue, and the myriad impacts on consumers and the environment, the McCabe Plaintiffs believe two additional Settlement Masters should be considered: the Honorable Layn R. Phillips (Ret.), and Professor Francis E. McGovern of the Duke University School of Law, both of whom have extensive experience in resolving complex litigation of this nature.

- 1. The Honorable Layn R. Phillips is one of the most sought-after settlement masters in the country. After his retirement as a United States District Judge in Oklahoma, Judge Phillips has served as settlement master and mediator in over 1,000 complex civil disputes, including some of the highest-profile cases in the country, such as the Hewlett-Packard and Brocade securities litigation matters before this Court, the National Football League (NFL) Players' Concussion Injury Litigation, the AIG securities litigation, the Bank of America securities litigation regarding its purchase of Merrill Lynch, the Merck securities litigation regarding the pain reliever Vioxx, the Bernie Madoff investor suits, and numerous other sophisticated litigation matters involving domestic and foreign defendants. Judge Phillips's online biography is available at http://www.phillipsadr.com/bios/layn-phillips/.
- 2. **Professor Francis E. McGovern** is internationally recognized as one of the most eminent settlement masters in the country. As detailed in his online biography, available at https://www.law.duke.edu/fac/mcgovern/, Professor McGovern's innovative techniques for resolving

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complex litigation are well-known. He has helped to develop solutions for a wide variety of disputes, ranging from the "Deepwater Horizon" oil rig disaster, to the silicone gel breast implant litigation, to the United Nations Compensation Commission to ensure that Iraq compensates citizens, businesses, and governmental agencies for losses they suffered in the Persian Gulf War.

Like the other proposed Special Settlement Masters, Judge Phillips and Professor McGovern are highly qualified and capable mediators who would no doubt do an outstanding job if selected by the Court in this vast and complex case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of December, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 14, 2015, I electronically filed a true and correct copy of the *McCabe Plaintiffs' Response to PreTrial Order No. 1 Regarding Settlement Master* with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system of the Northern District of California, which will send electronic notification of such filings upon all registered counsel of record.

Additionally, on December 14, 2015, a copy of the foregoing will be sent to the following parties for whom counsel has not yet appeared via U.S. Mail to the addresses listed below:

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I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Seattle, Washington, on December 14, 2015.

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